

APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PROVIDE REDUNDANT ACCESSOR AVAILABILITY

Abstract

A method to provide redundant accessor availability in an automated data storage
5 library. The method provides a data storage and retrieval system comprising one or more
data storage devices a robot accessor and a gripper. Either at the same time or at a later
time, the user obtains a second gripper and/or a second accessor. The method allows
selection and/or authorization for additional support from the second gripper and/or the
second accessor upon request and authorization. The redundant accessor capabilities are
10 provided on an honor system for payment for the additional capability, and/or uses a
system for tracking the redundant accessor usage, and/or uses license keys or other
controls that must be obtained prior to enabling redundant accessor capabilities.